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**This week at First Presbyterian....**

**Sunday, November 27**  
 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes for all ages  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Short in Kirk  
 10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, November 28**  
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Guild decorates for Advent  
 1:00 p.m. The Flock Bible Study - Rm 212

**Tuesday, November 29**  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm  
 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal - Session Rm

**Wednesday, November 30**  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
 5:30 p.m. Advent Event - Kirk  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 1**  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm

**Friday, December 2**  
 No scheduled events

**Saturday, December 4**  
 No scheduled events


**DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**December 4, 11, 18**  
**Faith Formation Classes at 9:30am**  
**Sunday Short in Kirk at 9:30am**  
**Worship at 10:30am**  
**In-Person and Live-Streamed**  
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**Christmas Eve December 24**  
**In-Person and Live-Streamed**  
**at 5:30pm and 11:00pm**  
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**December 25 Service**  
**prepared by Foothills Presbytery**  
**Live-Streamed at 10:30am**  
**No in-person classes or worship**

**December Lunch at Earle Street**  
 Our Senior Adult "Bread Breakers" meet at 11:00am  
**Thursday, December 8** at Earle Street Kitchen. We need to take reservations this month. Call the church office (225-2551) to sign up by Monday, December 5.  
 Extra special holiday "entertainment" provided by group members. **All seniors welcome!**  
 Call David Segers for info.



Our December Mission is our Virtual Angel Tree which is now live. Check this link to chose a child <http://tiny.cc/2022FPCAngelTree> We are supporting Calhoun Elementary and Centerville Elementary this year. Return your gifts to the church by December 9th. Our church went above and beyond last year fulfilling the Christmas dreams and wishes of just over 100 children... and we are hoping this year will be just as great! Thank you in advance for your help with this most wonderful mission!

# First Sunday of Advent

## November 27, 2022

### 10:30am

**KNOW YOUR WHYS**

why we worship	why we serve	why we give
	why we celebrate	

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:30AM

## Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us.

◆ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit if you are able. You are invited to join in speaking the parts of the service printed in bold.

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME

### WE PRAISE GOD

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE Thomas and Alana Price

◆ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 93 ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*** TRURO

◆ LITANY OF HOPE

Hear the word of God spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise:**

I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David;

**And he shall bring justice and righteousness.**

Jesus our Lord tells us:

**We must be ready, for the Messiah, the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.**

Faithful God, your promises stand strong through every generation.

**Renew us in hope that we may be awake and alert, watching for our Lord's arrival in our lives and in the world. Amen.**

◆ GLORIA ***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***  
***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*(Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for extended worship.)*

## WE APPROACH GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

EXPRESSING THE FAITH ***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

Chancel Choir Arr. Wohlegemuth

OLD TESTAMENT READING ***Isaiah 2:1-5*** Pew Bible p. 591

NEW TESTAMENT READING ***Romans 13:11-14*** Pew Bible p. 142

SERMON ***"Nearer"*** Dr. Dennis Tedder

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** Hymnal p. 35

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ***French Carol*** Manz

◆ DOXOLOGY 609 ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God,***  
***all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God,***  
***in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***  
***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◆ SENDING HYMN 92 ***While We Are Waiting, Come*** WAITING

◆ SUNG BLESSING  
***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;***  
***go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

◆ POSTLUDE ***Noel Suisse*** Daquin

*A video broadcast of the service is available downstairs in our Welcome Center for those who may need to leave the sanctuary. The ushers can direct you to this room.*

# WHY

we celebrate

*"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up."*

— Anne Lamott

*As a courtesy to those worshipping with you today, please silence cell phones during our service. Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship.*

***The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Pickens by her family.***